

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**Committee Name:** Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Advisory Committee

**Date, Time, and Location of Meeting:**

June 18, 2007, 7:30 pm, Hearing Room, Town House

**Members present:** Jim Terry, Harry Beyer, Gerry Boyle, Elissa Brown, Jim Coutre, Ken Miller, Barbara Pike, Andrea Siani

**Member absent:** Nancy Crowther

**Others present:** Bill DeSantis and 15-20 citizens

**Record of proceedings:**

Minutes from April 19 (V2) were approved.

Notes from Community Outreach Hearings from May 10 (V2), May 17 (V3), May 24 (V2), May 31 (V3) and June 7 (V2) were accepted.

Colleen Abrams from the Wachusett Greenways gave a talk about that trail. Her group has constructed about 10 miles of a 30 mile section of the Mass Central Rail Trail. She spoke about the surface material (various forms of stone dust), funding sources, design, maintenance, usage, security, and accessibility. She particularly stressed the importance of constructing a solid trail bed and maintaining adequate drainage. Citizen comments and questions followed the presentation.

The continuation of the June 7 Community Outreach Hearing will be held on Monday, June 25 at 7:30 pm in the hearing Room of the Town House.

The BFRTAC will meet on Thursday, July 12, at 7:30 am in the Selectmen's Room at the Town House.

The BFRTAC and Board of Selectmen will have a joint meeting on Monday, July 23, at the Town House.

Harry Beyer asked for reactions to the idea of having Old Pickard Trust transfer ownership of its parcel bordering White Pond to the Town. Members of the Trust would maintain the right to access the pond.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Recorder: Barbara Pike